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On August 23, 1948 DAVID DALLAS TAYLOR was arrested for violation of his probation, having previously received a sentence of two years in State Court, Walker County, Jasper, Alabama for Grand Larceny. While in Walker County jail, TAYLOR and another prisoner escaped after hitting the jailer on the head. The jailer subsequently died. Both escapees were captured and at the time of TAYLOR's trial, the defense presented TAYLOR's discharge papers in evidence of his good character and military record.

The original Army discharge is believed altered to reflect that TAYLOR served in three major battles and that he received a good conduct medal. A certified photostatic copy of TAYLOR's Army discharge as recorded in Provost Marshal's Office, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, failed to reflect this information. It is also noted that there are several other alterations and insertions by typewriter and that on the photostatic copy of the original discharge it is indicated that soldier lost 187 days under Article of War 167.

It is the opinion of the Circuit Judge and prosecuting attorney for the State that either Friend or his brother made or caused the alterations and forgeries on these papers in an effort to show a good service record for subject and possibly influence the jury.

There is enclosed herewith the following memo:

1. Original personnel document, United States Army.
 2. Certified copy of birth certificate.
 3. Certificate of discharge, United States Naval Service, Naval Reserve, issued June 26, 1946, San Pedro, California.
 4. Certificate of discharge, United States Naval Service, Naval Reserve, issued June 26, 1946, Pensacola, Florida.
 5. Certificate in lieu of discharge, United States Coast Guard Reserve, issued July 24, 1946, Washington, D. C.

It is requested that documents one and two be compared to determine what alterations or insertions may have been made. It is also requested that examination be made to determine if the "territory" used to effect such alterations and corrections.

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EXAMINATION OF SPACES

A comparison of the original handwritten signatures on specimens Q1 and Q2 resulted in the conclusion that both were photostatic copies of Q1 since before numerous alterations were made on the original, signatures were identical. In each instance where a change was made on the original, handwriting was transferred from a specimen with ink, a corresponding change was noted on Q1. The changes, handwriting on Q1 could not be made legible since the fibers of the paper have been deeply distorted and in some instances additional typewriting has been placed over the changes.

The typewriting on Q1 placed thereon prior to the changes, conforms to the laboratory's standards for legal type, i.e., spaced twelve letters to an inch. The typewriting on Q1 does however, after the photocopies were made, was prepared according to the laboratory's standards for technical file type, i.e., seven letters to an inch.

Several changes were noted where the date figures did not appear on specimen Q1. However, the original date could not be determined since the changes have been made in heavy ink.

The date of birth has been changed on specimen Q1 from January 15, 1905, to December 1, 1905. These changes were noted on specimen Q1 but were apparently done after the copy was typed.

The hand signature on specimen Q1

It is noted that a initials number appears on specimens Q1, Q2, and Q3, and it is believed that this initial is copied on these specimens and is obtained from the same source as specimen Q1, which may show the original writing on the specimen as occurring prior to any changes which may have been made.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q4 are returned herewith. Photocopies copies are retained in the laboratory's files.

REPORT
of the
FBI
LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

September 18, 1964

To: [redacted]
SAC, [redacted]

This follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence submitted to you on September 14, 1964.

John E. Casper

John E. Casper, Director

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Dusted Swabbed Swabbed Swabbed from the dog of the United States Marshals Service Agent #1426 [redacted] at the McClellan Air Force Base, California, August 21, 1964.
Comparison of Swabbed from the United States Postal Service for MARY LUCILLE AT 3, S. Royal Hospital, Chatsworth, California on June 20, 1964 and Swabbed from the dog of the United States Marshals Service Agent #1426 at the McClellan Air Force Base, California, August 21, 1964.

Comparison of Swabbed from the dog of the United States Marshals Service Agent #1426 at the McClellan Air Force Base, California, August 21, 1964, Washington, D. C.

Comparison of Swabbed Swabbed Swabbed from the dog of the United States Marshals Service Agent #1426 [redacted] at the McClellan Air Force Base, California, August 21, 1964, Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: FIELD OFFICE

AT JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA.

Will interview DAVID TAYLOR AND MELVIN MILLER regarding alterations in bearing on his original discharge papers presented in evidence at the time of his trial, May 30, 1948 at Jasper, Alabama. He should be advised that MILLER's brother may have been the person who made said alterations.

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AT JASPER, ALABAMA.

Will after interview has been had with MILLER complete interviewing his brother, "RED" MILLER, for information concerning the alterations of DAVID TAYLOR's discharge papers.

Will consider interviewing defense attorney utilized at Jasper in this connection.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA:

It is deemed advisable, attempt to obtain representation from the Committee of Attorneys, Inc. at Tuscaloosa.

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month, four days, Continental service, and two years, three months, six days foreign service, indicating dates of departing and destination and date of arrival in the United States. The record is only replete with the names, four days Continental service, with no other foreign service listed.

Under section 19, "Prior service", original discharge reflects "none, other than to be USA 2nd Officer". Section 19 reflects complete basic mechanics training, about 8 weeks. On the photostatic copy the word "none" is written in each of these sections. Under section 30 there appears to be an erasure on the original discharge and on the photostatic copy where appears the following, "187 days lost under A.R. 107".

The following is a description of DA FORM as obtained from the service discharge:

Name	DAVID DALE DUNN
Army Serial Number	1A 11 211 435
Date of birth	June 1, 1928,
	William County, Alabama.
Eyes	Bazel
Hair	Brown
Height	5' 1 1/2"
Weight	142 pounds
Race	White
Sex	Male
Martial Status	Married
Occupation	Farmer

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The above-mentioned papers were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on September 4, 1948 for comparison to determine alterations or forgeries which may have been made and also to determine the typewriter used to effect such alterations and forgeries.

The Laboratory advised that a comparison of the original discharge certificate, Q-1, with specimen Q-1, the photostatic copy of the honorable discharge certificate, resulted in the conclusion that Q-1, is a photostatic copy of Q-1 made before numerous alterations were made on the original discharge certificate. In each instance where a change was made on the original certificate as determined from a comparison with Q-1, a corresponding alteration was noted in Q-1. The typed handwriting on Q-1 was not legible, however, since the fibers of the paper were deeply disturbed.

They advised that the typewriting on Q-1 placed on the certificate prior to alteration conforms to laboratory standards for Naval White type spaced twelve letters to the inch. The typewriting on Q-1 placed on the back after the photostatic copy, Q-1, was prepared, conforms closely to the laboratory standards for Lexington White type, spaced twelve letters to the inch.

They advised that several erasures were noted where the date "1944" was added to specimen Q-1, certificate of discharge from the United States Naval Service dated June 10, 1940, Pensacola, Belltopped, Florida. The original dates could not be determined since the erasures were made with heavy ink.

It is noted that the date has been changed on specimen Q-1, certificate of discharge from the United States Naval Service dated Pensacola, Florida, June 10, 1940, originally a date of birth date of May 10, 1919, to October 15, 1922.

The word "Received" on specimen Q-1, certificate of discharge from the United States Naval Service dated Pensacola, Florida, June 10, 1940, is handwritten.

It is concluded that on the original discharge under the word "Medal" is inscribed the letters "JPM" indicating sailor's medal is worn on the certificate. Photostatic Copy No. 1 is found to contain no "Medal". Under "Service Awards and Badges", the original discharge reflects some sailor letters, JPM, which are good conduct medal. On the photostatic copy there are "None" inscribed under "Awards and Badges received in combat" as reflected in the original copy. Under "Length of service and service awards" the original certificate "United States" but on the discharge certificate "United States" but on the discharge certificate "None" and

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The defendant subsequently requested several copies of his pay stubs available to the writer to compare the original handwritten discharge of JAMES R. MILLER with his original discharge papers. He also made available the original certificate of discharge from the United States Naval Service, now dated September 4, 1948 and the paper dated May 26, 1944 and dated July 24, 1946. Judge MATHAL stated that MILLER was on trial for second degree murder of the former night jailer, Walker County, and had received a twenty year sentence and was presently serving time for violation of probation on a previous grand larceny charge and is incarcerated at Vilas Prison.

Judge MATHAL stated it was apparent at the time of the trial that MILLER's discharge papers were being presented as evidence to show his good and honest military service and that during the trial the defense attorney original with the prosecution now reflected numerous alterations on charges. The above papers were turned over to writer by Judge MATHAL for his personal knowledge.

After Mr. BLANCH, Attorney at Law, and County Solicitor, of Marion County, advised him he had been present at the time of the trial defense of the case, he reiterates information furnished by Judge MATHAL stating an effort is sufficient and necessary to this boy's good reputation and military service and requires a full complement of papers. It is also well known that the defense attorney, Mr. JOHN RICE, of Marion County, has insisted that they be used and that he was the attorney who so far as he personally understands, held all information that was to him when he referred to.

He stated that he had heard through other attorneys that Mr. JOHN RICE, son of Mr. RICE, solicitor, of Marion County, had had these alterations made. It was Mr. BLANCH's opinion that one of the defense attorneys for MILLER had advised against the use of the discharge papers, however, as their defense attorney, Mr. JOHN RICE, had insisted that they be used and that he was the attorney who so far as he personally understands, held all information that was to him when he referred to.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BIRMINGHAM

FILE NO. 43-11344

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	1/12/46	8/24/45 - 11/1/45	DEPARTMENT
TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE		
DISCHARGE RECORDS	INVESTIGATING OFFICER		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Edgar L. Stin, while on trial for embezzlement, claimed, through his attorney, that the original copy of his discharge record was presented as evidence on his trial and destroyed with military records. Stin stated further that he gave witnesses his copy of his discharge record numerous times and that he has copies of it in his possession.

Report File # 43-11344. 750

This investigation originated from receipt of information from Mr. H. E. Kirby, Birmingham, Alabama, attorney, who advised that he had been retained by the defendant, Edgar L. Stin, to defend him in a trial for embezzlement which was held in the State Court, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, July 20, 1945 to assess damages of around \$10,000.00. Through his attorney, Stin stated that he had received a discharge record from the Office of the Adjutant General indicating that he received a good discharge and participated in three major battles. He stated that he obtained a certified copy of his original discharge record from Kirby and that it had been copied. Kirby also stated that the original copy failed to reflect the information above. Kirby further stated that he had a copy of the original discharge record which was issued to Stin and that it was lost. Kirby also stated that he had a copy of the original discharge record which was issued to Stin and that it was lost. Kirby also stated that he had a copy of the original discharge record which was issued to Stin and that it was lost.

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<i>H. E. Kirby</i>	43-11344-1	
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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

Will interview Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT LOCKHART, sister and brother-in-law of DAVID DALLAS TAYLOR, Route 1, in whose possession TAYLOR states he left his discharge papers, to determine if they altered or assisted in the altering of these papers. If they deny being implicated in the matter, will determine who obtained TAYLOR'S discharge papers from the suit case, which TAYLOR left in their possession.

AT HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA.

Will interview JOHN POSEY, attorney employed by TAYLOR'S parents to represent him at his murder trial, to determine what knowledge he had of the alterations of TAYLOR'S original discharge papers. It is noted that TAYLOR had advised that he told POSEY prior to the trial what his exact service record had been; therefore, it would seem to indicate that POSEY had knowledge of the alterations in view of the fact that he attempted to enter the altered papers as evidence of TAYLOR'S good service record, although he had been told previously what TAYLOR'S exact service record had been.

AT JASPER, ALABAMA.

Will interview appropriate officials of the Veterans' Schooling Department, located in the basement of Walker County Court House, to determine if and when TAYLOR made his discharge papers available to that department and to determine the condition of these papers at that time.

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jail to see him. He stated he also told POSSEY what his exact service record was and that during their conversation no mention was made of altering these discharge papers to indicate a better service record. TAYLOR continued that he did not have any idea that the discharge papers were to be used at the trial until POSSEY tried to introduce them into evidence at the trial. He stated that until he heard all the controversy over these papers at the trial, he had no idea that they had been altered.

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He said he was reluctant to leave any of his possessions in this room, therefore, he carried all of his possessions with him in his suit case wherever he went.

TAYLOR continued that after he was arrested he asked his brother-in-law, FREDIE LOCHMILL, to take his car, containing the suit cases, to his home and keep it for him. He further advised that he is sure his suit cases remained at his brother-in-law's house at least until after his trial on July 30, 1948, because when he asked his mother, Mrs. DALLAS TAYLOR, to bring his suns clean clothes, she had to go to LOCHMILL'S house to get the clothes out of the suitcase.

TAYLOR stated that he knows the discharge papers had not been altered at the time of his arrest because in January or February, 1948, he had to take the papers to the Veteran's Schooling Department, which is located in the basement of the Walker County Court House in Jasper in order to qualify for veteran's benefits under the Farm Training Program. He stated that the papers were kept by the Veteran's Schooling officials for over a month and as soon as they were returned to him, he placed them in his suit case where they remained until he was arrested. TAYLOR advised that the following relatives visited him while he was incarcerated but that he did not mention the discharge papers to any of them:

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. DALLAS TAYLOR, Star Route, Manchester, Alabama;

His brother, WILLS "RED" TAYLOR, Star Route, Manchester, Alabama;

His brother, DEE TAYLOR, Star Route, Manchester, Alabama;

His brother, A. T. TAYLOR, who resides with his parents;

His sister, Mrs. HENRY LOWMYER, route 3, Decatur, Alabama.

TAYLOR advised that the State appointed two attorneys to represent him, namely, — SHARKEY and another, whose name he does not know. He said they came to see him approximately two weeks before the trial, at which time, among other things, he told them what his actual service record was. It is noted that TAYLOR'S description of his actual service record is as it appears in referenced report of S. W. HORN. He advised that nothing was said by either attorney about changing the original discharge papers. TAYLOR also advised that about two or three days before his trial, — POSEY, a Haleyville, Alabama attorney, who had been retained by his parents to represent him, came to the

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File No. 43-35 284-22

REPORT MADE AT Mobile	DATE WHEN MADE 1/12/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21/48	REPORT MADE BY SPENCER R. PEPPER
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECT; FUGITIVE HIDING - INVESTIGATE		CHARACTER OF CASE TRAIL HEARING OF THE WITNESS.	
<p>STATEMENT OF FACTS:</p> <p>DAVID DALLAS TAYLOR, Draper Prison, Selma, Alabama, disclosed any knowledge as to who made alterations and erasures on original discharge papers.</p> <p>- H.P. -</p> <p>REFERENCE: 43-18344.</p> <p>Report SA SPENCER R. PEPPER, 11/12/48, Birmingham.</p> <p>DETAILS: At SHELBY, ALABAMA.</p> <p>DAVID DALLAS TAYLOR, inmate of Draper Prison, advised that he did not have any idea as to who made the erasures and alterations on his original discharge papers but stated that he does recall that there was quite a controversy over these papers at his trial. TAYLOR advised that he was arrested June 25, 1948 in Empire, Alabama, on a murder charge. He advised that on the date of his arrest, he had gone to a movie in Empire with his sister's son, JAMES McCHART. He continued that while in Empire, McCHART had been questioned by SPENCER R. PEPPER. McCHART named the name as an address and in order to point out to the officers where he and JAMES McCHART were at the time, TAYLOR said that he had driven to Empire in his 1941 Chevrolet and had a suit case, containing his laundry as well as all of his personal papers, including the discharge papers, in the car at the time. He said he was positive that his discharge papers were in the suit case because he was working at the time in Jasper, Alabama, and rooming in a furnished room over the City Hall in Jasper.</p>			
<p>SEARCHED <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>INDEXED <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>SERIALIZED <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>FILED <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Q - Bureau Q - Birmingham (43-350) Q - B.M. S - Memphis C - Mobile</p>		<p>APR 11 1948</p> <p>4-10</p> <p>25</p> <p>25</p>	

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BIRMINGHAM	5-5-49	25-1257-5-24	DUSTY P. PEELER
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CHARACTER OF CASE			
ORIGIN SUBJECT		FEDERAL WIREPIPS OR UNITEL	
JULIAH SINGER - INFORMANT			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Investigation reflects discharge papers of DAVID TAYLOR,
 JULIAH in possession of step-sister, Mrs. ERINSON LEECH,
 Empire, Ala., at time of his incarceration Walker County
 Jail, Jasper, Ala. Papers removed by Mrs. LEECH from
 DAVID's suitcase and turned over to his mother and brother
 WILLIS TAYLOR just prior to trial. Mrs. LEECH claims
 discharge papers contained heavy typed entries different
 from other typing and indicated entries received by DAVID
 TAYLOR while in the armed service. TAYLOR's mother and
 brother Willis also advised entries were thereon when re-
 ceived by them and turned over to attorneys. WILLIS TAYLOR
 denies making or having such entries typed on his brother's
 discharge. AUSA Birmingham declined prosecution.

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SUPERVISOR: Bureau File 45-11544.
 Report SA DENNIS H. ROSS, Mobile, Ala., 1-12-49.

Mr. RUFILAN DALLAS, Attorney, Jasper, Alabama, advised he and
 Attorneys JULIAH SINGER were appointed by the court to represent
 DAVID TAYLOR who was to be tried for murder of the eight children
 at Jasper, Alabama. DALLAS stated he had attempted to talk to DAVID TAYLOR
 on several occasions, advising him he had been appointed as his lawyer
 to represent him. He stated that TAYLOR who was under very high tension at
 the time, would not talk as if he was mentally unbalanced and at the time
 he spoke to a Bible and told him that that was his lawyer. He stated he
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questioned TAYLOR as to his military service but was unable to obtain very much information from him. He determined, however, that TAYLOR had been in the service and had apparently received discharge from various branches of the service. When questioned as to where the discharges were, TAYLOR first told him that his mother had them, then stated he had turned them over to Mr. DAVID BREWER, Veterans' Administration, and generally appeared not to know where they were. HALLAS said that soon after July 21, 1948 or on the day anterior, JOHN STONER, Attorney, entered the case, subject's brother WILLIE TAYLOR appeared at his office and made the statement that he had hired another attorney and he had some information that was going to get DAVID in Bryce's Hospital.

HALLAS stated he did not know what WILLIE TAYLOR was referring to and further stated they had very little cooperation from him. At this time TAYLOR handed his brother's discharge papers to MR. HALLAS and left the office. HALLAS stated that although he had not observed those papers too carefully at the time, he later noticed that there were discrepancies in the dates as to lengths of service and that there appeared to be several transfers and insertions. He also noticed under Section 34, Wounds received in action, the words "One lf inside big rock injuries." He stated that although he should have noticed these inconsistencies and misapplying that he had not paid too much attention to them; that his interest had been in determining what branches of the service TAYLOR had been in and whether or not he was honorably discharged. He stated also that he realized that in the service quite often errors were made and the information typed over other typing.

Mr. HALLAS stated that on the date of the trial he had pointed out these discrepancies to ATTORNEY BOSEK and had advised against using this evidence. However, the party who had been before the court had decided against it and did not call it in evidence.

Mrs. RICHARD LIMA M., Mrs. Empire, Alabama, step-sister of WILLIE TAYLOR, advised that when DAVID had gotten into trouble he had asked her husband to bring his car to their home and keep it. She stated he also had a suitcase containing clothing and other articles. Mrs. LIMA stated she had not bothered his things until she received a letter from DAVID's mother asking her to look in the suitcase and see if his discharge papers were there and whether or not they showed that he received injuries in the service. She stated she checked these papers and noted under "One lf" she saw the word "One lf inside big rock injuries". She stated she also noticed that on this discharge there was heavy writing in some places and lighter writing in others. At this time Mrs. LIMA was shown a copy of DAVID TAYLOR and after looking at it she stated it was just the way she had taken it out of the suitcase. Mrs. LIMA could

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the statement that she did not think that DAVID was just right. When questioned about this she stated that she made this statement from the way he had acted just before this happened, stating that he did not seem to be himself.

Mrs. DAVID SHORT TAYLOR, Star Route, Manchester, Alabama, advised she is the wife of DAVID DALLAS TAYLOR, having married him January 16, 1945. She stated he had just been discharged from the Coast Guard at the time of their marriage and stated he subsequently enlisted in the Army on June 11, 1946. While he was stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. he was reported AWOL for approximately six months. She stated he had been in and out of the military service and that she had lived with her husband very little of the time since their marriage. She recalled that he had mentioned to her that he had been overseas in the South Pacific and had been wounded in battle. She recalled that he had shown her a hip wound, stating that a bullet had struck him there. She also recalled that he had some ribbons and a good conduct medal. Mrs. TAYLOR stated that her husband at times acted very wild, was fractious and did not seem to be satisfied to stay long in one place.

Mrs. DALLAS TAYLOR, Star Route, Manchester, advised that when her son returned from military service he had either shown her the discharge papers or had read it aloud, at which time she recalled that it mentioned he had been wounded in service. She stated after he was incarcerated in the Walker County Jail her son WILLIS had consulted with his attorney and they had requested DAVID's discharge papers. At that time she had gotten WILLIS to write to her daughter, Mrs. HERBERT LOWMEYER to look for the papers and determine if it mentioned anything concerning his injuries in the service. WILLIS TAYLOR.

WILLIS TAYLOR, upon interview, furnished substantially the same information as his mother, stating he knew very little concerning his brother DAVID, but that he did know that he had been in the service several times and recalled his having read to the family his discharge papers which indicated an injury in the service. He admitted obtaining these papers and giving them to Attorney WILLIS. Both WILLIS and his mother as well as Mrs. LOWMEYER denied having anything to do with changing either the typing on these papers or having it done.

Mr. BILLIE BURRIS, Veterans Administration, Jasper, advised that DAVID DALLAS TAYLOR had applied for training under the General Farming Program and after making application his discharge papers had been accepted.

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for one year, six months and one day to begin March 1, 1948 to September 2, 1949. It was his opinion that veteran's discharge papers would have been in order at the time they were submitted inasmuch as they would be checked against the War Department records before he would be accepted for training.

Mr. JOHN POSEY, Attorney Haleyville, Alabama, advised he had never seen DAVID TAYLOR before the trial in this case. He recalled that WILLIS TAYLOR had employed him to represent his brother and that he had made a trip to Jasper to see him approximately one week before the trial. He recalled having talked to DAVID while he was incarcerated and questioned him concerning his military service. However, he did not recall just what DAVID had told him and it was his opinion that he had been unable to get very much information out of him concerning his military service. Mr. POSEY recalled that at the time of the trial before the discharge papers were entered as evidence someone had pointed out to him that there appeared to be alterations and changes on the discharge. He stated, however, it was also mentioned that it was possible that these could be typing errors made by military personnel. POSEY stated he asked DAVID at that time if he had made any changes on these papers stating he did not desire to enter them as evidence if he had. DAVID denied this, stating they were just the way he had received them. POSEY stated he also asked WILLIS TAYLOR the same question at this time and WILLIS told them they had not been altered to his knowledge. Mr. POSEY stated he then admitted the papers as evidence inasmuch as he desired to show TAYLOR's honorable discharge and the fact that he had been discharged. POSEY denied that WILLIS TAYLOR or anyone else had mentioned to him anything about changing the papers and stated he was sure that WILLIS TAYLOR had not been in his office at a time when he could have used his typewriter for such purposes. It was noted that Mr. POSEY's typewriter was a Remington standard whereas the laboratory indicates that the typing on the discharge papers was done in a manner that conformed closely to the laboratory standards for Remington elite type.

The facts in instant case were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney R. WICK TAYLOR who stated that although there appeared to be a violation of the Illegal Bearing of the Uniform Act he would not entertain prosecution against DAVID TAYLOR even though a case could be proven inasmuch as TAYLOR is now serving 20 years for murder and 12 years in addition on larceny charges in the state of Alabama. He also stated he would not entertain prosecution against WILLIS TAYLOR in view of the fact he did not feel it was the type of case that could be successfully prosecuted.

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DATE: 1-27-50

TO : R. T. HARBO *RE*

FROM : D. J. Parsons

SUBJECT:

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

Attachment

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